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SUBJECT: US-VIETNAM RELATIONS: MAY 23 PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEPT. SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS ON VIETNAM
AT THE MAY 23 BRIEFING.

BEGIN TEXT.

1. THE SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THREE:

IN ANSWER TO THE MANY QUESTIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED ABOUT THE
START OF THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE IN
PARIS, I CAN TELL YOU THEY WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 2ND, AT OUR
EMBASSY. OUR DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY RICHARD HOLBROOKE AND WILL BE THE SAME AS IT
WAS PREVIOUSLY. THERE IS NO SET TIME LIMIT.

2. QUESTION: IN RELATION TO THE TALKS, DOES THE STATE
DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT ABOUT THE DOCUMENT ISSUED OVER
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THE WEEKEND, COMING FROM HANOI, WITH SOME VARIATIONS IN
THE U.S. PRESENTATION?

ANSWER: NO, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT THAT
GOES BEYOND OUR DISCUSSION LAST WEEK ON THIS.

3. QUESTION: HAVE WE HAD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, OR COMMUNICATION, FROM THEM ON THE MIAS IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS?

ANSWER: I DON'T KNOW. I WILL FIND OUT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT HERE.

HAVE WE DISCUSSED THAT WHILE I WAS GONE?

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT, I WILL FIND OUT.

4. QUESTION: DO YOU KNOW -- IN THE HOUSE BANNING ANY ECONOMIC AID TO VIETNAM--HAVE NEW INSTRUCTIONS BEEN ISSUED TO THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THOSE TALKS?

ANSWER: THAT IS A MATTER THAT IS STILL IN CONGRESS. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON NEW INSTRUCTIONS, HOWEVER.

5. QUESTION: DO WE EXPECT PHAN HIEN TO HEAD THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION AGAIN?

ANSWER: HE WILL--WE PRESUME THAT HE WILL INDEED BE THE HEAD OF IT.

6. QUESTION: HOW DO YOU SPELL HIS NAME?

ANSWER: PHAN HIEN.

QUESTION: AND HIS--

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ANSWER: VICE FOREIGN MINISTER.

7. QUESTION: GIVEN THE TIME FRAME AND THE VENUE, HODDING, IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY, OR DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPECTATION, THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT MEET ANY VIETNAMESE WHILE HE IS IN PARIS?

ANSWER: I DON'T HAVE A THING ON THAT. I DON'T KNOW.

END TEXT.

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